

**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
CONSOLIDATED CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
May 22, 2014**

The meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation was called to order by Chairman Williams, Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 3:45 p.m. 200 East Washington Street, Suite 260, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Board Members Present: Chairman, John Williams, Mr. Joe Wynns,
Dr. Jacqueline Greenwood, Mr. Josh Bowling and
Ms. Anne Valentine

Staff Present: Louvenia Holstein, Board Secretary
Suzanne Martin, Assistant Board Secretary
Doug Kowalski, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2014

Directors Announcements:

Chairman Williams greeted the Board and the audience and he thanked everyone for being there today.

Board members you should have before you the minutes so we will take a vote here on them.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bowling, seconded by Dr. Greenwood, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of March 20, 2014.

New Business

1. Agenda Item Resolution #13, 2014 – The Resource Development Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Indianapolis, requests that the Board of Parks and Recreation approve a permanent surface easement for Citizens Energy to install sewer lines as part of the Fall Creek/White River Tunnel System Project on property located at Reverend Mozel Sanders Park.

Don Colvin greeted the Board. Don stated that he just wants to get everyone positioned on the White River Tunnel Project. He pointed to the overhead screen and stated that at the Reverend Mozel Sanders Park in this particular area he pointed to, he stated that he would be talking about the parallel right along the street where it is hard to see but this is an existing main sanitary sewer line where a lot of the sanitary sewers come into it. The project with Citizens Energy if they extend the line over to and connect with another line and overall this will improve the efficiency of their sanitary sewer system. That his team have worked closely with them and as part of, if the Board so desires to do, if the Board grants this permanent easement which totals about 1.72 acres, this would allow them to make their connection but they were able to negotiate over 2000 cubic yards of top soil to go along with this project. You may ask what is the top soil for. We do not have the images to show, but if

we did, the additional images would have shown specific areas of sports fields that have been planned for this and they have engineered this property several years ago and one of our struggles has been to get the ground leveled off so that we can actually make the improvements to it. They have had two great partners, Wishard Hospital, Esconozies as it is called today, they use that for their temporary parking during the construction of their facility and part of that partnership arrangement was they graded off the whole site to the original subgrade of the engineering drawings we had. The imagey is in the Board's packets. This may help a little bit. There is an image in there that shows 3 or 4 fields. The 2000 cubic yards will allow them to put in 4 to 6 inches of good top soil over the existing subgrade on one and possibly 2 of the fields and then we will eventually grade that off and level it. That is what we are getting from Citizens, if the Board chooses to, support this easement. One note he needs to make on the easement, he made a little bit of a typo. He referred to Exhibit "B" really is everything that we want to look at. It is the hatched area, but he omitted Exhibit "A" which is in your packet, but Exhibit "A" is actually the legal description of the easement. And it changed also the acreage, instead of .997, it is 1.072. So this is a very small difference, but he wanted to make the Board aware of those typos that he didn't get into the Board resolution, but everything else is correct.

Don asked if the Board had any questions. There were none.

A motion was duly made by Ms. Valentine, seconded by Dr. Greenwood, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item Resolution #13, 2014 as amended.

Don stated that the work will start the first of next month.

2. Agenda Item #14, 2014 – Indy Parks Staff is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana consider naming the water sprayground located at Carson Park after Mr. Robert "Bob" Cockrum past President of the City County Council and Parks Committee Chair.

Sheryl greeted the Board stating that she is the Senior Manager of Community Relations for Indy Parks and she has come before the Board today to discuss the recommendation for the naming of new sprayground at Carson Park in honor of Robert Cockrum who happens to be the past president of the City-County Council of Indianapolis and the Parks Committee Chair. Mr. Cockrum served the City of Indianapolis around 16 plus years. He graduated from Purdue University and in 2003 he was inducted into the ROTC Hall of Fame. His background is in administration and logistics and a former employee of General Motors. As far as the City of Indianapolis goes he has helped the citizens of Decatur Township and Wayne Townships in various capacities. During his tenure with the Parks Committee he served as the chair and several other committees and out of the 10 City committees he served on 8 of them. He was represented in the council and on the Images Board of Directors for 12 years. He was the president of the Board from 2003 to 2007. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Indianapolis Scarborough Peace Games for 6 years including 3 of those years being chair person. He served as a volunteer to Indianapolis and received the Outstanding Neighborhood Leader Award in 1994. He also served as a volunteer on additional boards including Marion County Tax Adjustment and member of the Committee of Rules and Policy and Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committees. As you can see, he is very well loved in that area and the Decatur County Civil Council has written a

letter recommending that we name this water sprayground in his honor. The now, City-County Council person, Jason Holliday who has taken his tenour, has requested that we name this facility in his honor and we are hoping today that you will see it the same way.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board members.

Mr. Wynns stated that he has known Bob for 16 years and he can truly say, and Don Colvin can also attest to this, that there has not been one council person on the City-County Council that has been a stronger advocate for Indy Parks than Bob Cockrum. Bob helped fight for land at Southwestway Park and he could go on and on listing things, fighting for our Indy Parks budget. He is just been a strong advocate for Indy Parks. There are several of the City-County Councillors, Monroe Grey, and the others, but Cockrum didn't allow the politics to interfere with the parks. He was a true park lover. He would honored to make the motion when that time comes to name this sprayground after Bob Cockrum.

Chairman Williams stated that we have a motion on the table, do we have a second? Well, let me explain what we are going to do. Obviously with the departments policy, we first have to have a public notice with a period of comment for 30 days and if there are no response from the public that it should not be named after Mr. Cockrum, then we will ask the Board to officially approve the naming of this sprayground after Mr. Cockrum. Right now, we are just asking the Board for staff to continue with the process. So we have a motion on the table, and Dr. Greenwood would like to second the motion because she feels the same as Mr. Wynns.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns, seconded by Dr. Greenwood, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #14, 2014.

3. Agenda Item #15, 2014 – Indy Parks Staff is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana consider renaming the Post Road Park located at 1313 South Post Road, Indianapolis, Indiana “Indianapolis World Sports Park”.

Sheryl Richardson stated that the Post Road Park which is located at 1313 South Post Road, Indianapolis, Indiana is a 48.6 acre park that the Indy Parks department has had in their inventory since 1991. With the recent influx of all the diversity coming to Indianapolis and we are now becoming known as a global community, Indy Parks has decided it would be best served if we have a park that could reach out to all people, thus creating the Indianapolis World Sports Park we hope, at this facility, and this park will not only have a cricket field, but we plan to also have other activities held there such as hurling, lacross, galic football, maybe boshy ball and include lots of the international games being played. This is a brief chance for us to capitalize on the global awareness coming to our city as well as having something available for everyone's use.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board. Mr. Wynns stated that the concept is good but he would hope that when we purchased that property, there was not a park out there and we want to make sure that we do not lose the flavor for neighborhood activities. He supports the Worlds Sports Park, that is cool, but the

Parks Department purchased that old building from the Nights of Columbus for the purpose of a community park for children to have the opportunity to play on the swings and what have you so he thinks in incorporating the master plan, as he sees the “Mr. Master Planner” sitting in the audience, that he would remember to incorporate the neighborhood piece. Chairman Williams stated that this is a very key point in what we are trying to do. If you look at this as a World Sports Park, we will also have the community center that is there which we anticipate having as we now have seen an influx in the number of rentals for weddings and all kinds of things that are happening out there, so in conjunction with some of the world sports that might actually be played in this particular location we would also like to incorporate different types of activities that go along with that. It could be cultural activities as well. We also are planning to have the playground continue to be there in the future with a desire to upgrade and making sure to upgrade with court services there and a sand volleyball pit out there and we currently want to continue with these amenities in the long term as well as installing a walking path so that the community at large can go out and have a nice little stroll in the park if they wish.

Mr. Wynns stated that a lot of sports fields, and Don Colvin may attest to this, having attended a lot of soccer tournaments with his daughter, there have been a lot of kids, and while the activity is going on at the athletic fields, the children do not have anything to do and wonder all around and sometimes families have to bring their whole family to certain events and we want to keep this in mind when planning for amenities for all age groups.

Chairman Williams stated that he and Don Colvin have talked about this issue especially as they have recently upgraded Obannon Park and looking at putting in a playground as well. As we move forward with our parks developments we will take into consideration the whole family needs and not just the sports aspect of it.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any other comments. Sheryl made mention that of course the public notice will be sent out in the Indianapolis Star paper for this particular name change as well and she hopes to return again next month to seek official approval from the Board.

A motion was duly made by Ms. Valentine, seconded by Dr. Greenwood, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #15, 2014.

4. Agenda Item #16, 2014 – Approval by the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana for the Arts & Events Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation to host and include the sale of beer by Zink Distribution Company at their 2014 Signature Concert Series Event at Broad Ripple Park on May 30, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25 and August 8, 2014.

Leslie Meier introduced herself as the Manager of Garfield Park Arts Center and she also works closely with George Benn who is the concerts and movies production manager. As you know, concerts are popular events and they draw a lot of people and Indy Parks in its efforts to find additional ways to help support and fund arts events are working in a limited capacity with certain vendors at certain events to hopefully be able to bring beer sales in this particular instance to those events to enhance those events and also to raise additional revenue. For the Broad Ripple Signature Concert Series this summer we, along with the

Indianapolis Parks Foundation are working with Zink Distribution Company. Zink Distribution will be providing a monetary sponsorship as well as marketing support and they would like to be allowed to let them sell beer at that event. There is a yellow sheet within your Board packets that has the free concert series for the summer and the dates for the Broad Ripple concerts are on this sheet and the second page is a layout of Broad Ripple Park and it is particularly where the concert will happen and it shows you the stage and there is a white roped off area which is where the concert goers are kept. Behind the stage there will be food vendors and behind that is where Zink Distribution would be set up. The beer vending itself is actually behind the stage at Broad Ripple Park so it is not the first thing that you see when entering the park to sort of minimize that presence. People will have to be carded, they will have to have wristbands, and be monitored and there will be security and the revenues in this particular instance are actually will be divided between the Indianapolis Parks Foundation who is designated for an Arts Fund and there is a portion of those fees where the revenue will also be divided with Do 317, who is a promotional partner and they are also the partner providing the permit in this instance and then Zink Distribution will also be providing insurance naming the City of Indianapolis as the additional insured for this event. These are a little more limited this year. It is a pretty exciting concert series. They certainly learned a lot after having this event out there last year and we are putting this forth for your consideration again this year at Broad Ripple Park.

Leslie asked the Board if they had any questions. Dr. Greenwood asked what they have learned after hosting this event last year. Leslie responded that they definitely learned not to underestimate attendance. So, that was a particular thing to be mindful of who is performing at each individual concert and ask a few more questions about their audience here locally so that we are better prepared to manage those crowds. So that is definitely one and I know that Zink Distribution in particular is very conscientious (sp) and obviously they are a large distributor in the community and they work with a lot of the bars in the Broad Ripple area so their desire to work with Indy Parks is not only to enhance arts events but also to do some community give back and supporting this series and show that you can have a responsible environment where families, parks and music work together and it is not just kind of bar town, which is sort of Broad Ripple's image. They are trying to show it as kind of a little different event so she knows they are very vested. The Indianapolis Parks Foundation is also working with the "Just Pop In", which is the gourmet (sp) popcorn folks and they are offering a monetary sponsorship as well this year so they will be present for those events.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any other questions from the Board and Mr. Wynns stated that he had a quick question. He knows that there will be security, but the Broad Ripple piece is something that has to be monitored because there are so many bars up and down Broad Ripple Avenue and by the time they get to the park they could be loaded when they come to the event. Will security deal with that, or how will that be dealt with?

Leslie stated that Zink themselves have to check ID's and monitor consumption. Mr. Wynns stated that if someone comes to the park already loaded they will deal with that? Leslie replied that yes, they can refuse service, and that would be our hope and recommendation. Of course they will not want to put themselves in a position to take on additional liabilities in that respect so they will be monitoring that closely. She does think as well the timing of this concert series, it is on a Friday evening, it starts at 6:30 and done by 9:30 so it is still pretty

early and if you are walking into the park and it is already 6:30 and you have already had a couple of happy hours, she thinks that we will limit this quite a bit just because it is a little bit earlier in the evening and they are not keeping people in the park way past dark. It is also within a particular roped off area and alcohol cannot leave that area so they will be monitoring that as well. Chairman Williams added that they have gone before the Special Use Committee and they are only going to be able to consume up to a certain number of drinks once they get to the event. He understands what Mr. Wynns is saying if someone comes to the event already having had a few drinks hopefully if they are that bad someone will be able to identify this before they are requesting to be served. We cannot completely control that. For the most part, he thinks that since he has been here and he is sure that Mr. Wynns can attest to this too that these events typically go off without incidents. From what staff has told him that historically these events do very well even when we do serve alcohol present.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any other questions from the Board. There were none.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns, seconded by Mr. Bowling, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #16, 2014.

5. Agenda Item #17, 2014 - Approval by the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana for the Arts & Events Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation to host and include the sale of beer by Fountain Square Brewery at their 2014 Signature Concert Series Event at the MacAllister Amphitheatre in Garfield Park on June 7 and August 9, 2014.

Leslie stated that once again she would like to ask your approval of the sale of beer at the two (2) concerts at the MacAllister Amphitheatre in Garfield Park on June 7 and August 9, 2014. These concerts are our ticketed events and once again we have learned a lot of lessons with these events. This year the events will cost \$5.00 cash at the gate. Nice and easy and relatively inexpensive for a concert event like this. The first event on June 7th is the Woomblies Rock Orchestra and after that an opening act Rooty Tunes. Both of these bands have a broad appeal to families and held inside the MacAllister Amphitheatre and we would like to work with our neighbors, Fountain Square Brewery Company, which is just one mile up the street in Fountain Square so they themselves are part of the community and have a vested interest in helping us develop events at Garfield Park. They will be making a donation as well to the Indianapolis Parks Foundation based on their sales. They will be donating one dollar (\$1.00) per beer and those funds go directly to the foundation, to the arts fund so that we can start underwriting some of their other events. They would also have a vested interest in promoting the event and letting the public know so that we can draw crowds to those events at Garfield Park.

The second event which will be a part of this series is Owl Music Studio. It is the Owl Studio Showcase and they will be booking the entertainment for that event. We are very excited about the August 9th event as well because they will be doing a lot of promotions and marketing it should be a really nice line-up and they hope to announce that in July. What they are seeking today is permission to have Fountain Square Brewing Company serve beer at the MacAllister Amphitheatre Signature Series that will all take place inside the fenced

area which if you haven't been to the Macalister Center, that area is completely gated and beer sales would happen inside that gated area and Fountain Square Brewing Company would be responsible for checking I.D.s, doing wrist bands and monitoring consumption and the sales themselves would take place within a flagged area inside the fenced off area and someone cannot come in and purchase a beer and then walk out the gate and wonder in the park. This piece is really easy for them to monitor. If you are anywhere else within the park you will not be allowed to have beer. It will also be limited to beer sales.

Leslie asked the Board if they had any questions about these events. There were none.

A motion was duly made by Dr. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Bowling, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #17, 2014.

Chairman Williams stated that before we move on to our presentations since we were discussing the whole alcohol piece again, at our last Board meeting he brought up the subject of whether or not we should change our policy or if we should add to the list of parks that are considered for alcohol consumption. In the weeks subsequent of that meeting we have actually had a few folks at certain parks interested in being added to this list. Spades Park is one of them, Northwestway Park and Lacey Park that have contacted us and asked if we would be willing to entertain the policy change and/or add those particular parks to the list of those parks that we currently are authorized to have alcohol consumption. He just wanted to throw that back out there for a couple of minutes and see what your thoughts are and if you have had a chance to think this over and where do we go next with this. Do we want at the next Board meeting formally have a vote on whether or not we should change the policy or add to the list of authorized parks because he believes it is fair for us to do something so that we can put this to rest and let those groups know, especially those who are still wanting to have their events before the end of the summer. He said he just wanted to open this up for any comments. Any comments?

Anne stated that she thought that at the last meeting the adjusting the policy so that it is not simply starts with the list of parks that have been preapproved but adjust the policy that it is determined by more of what the event encompasses and all the parameters you put into place long term that is the policy she thinks we should have in place, rather than having to come before the Board for each approval of additional parks having authority. We need to define the parameters more broadly so we will have a little bit of flexibility there and she thinks that from what she had seen and heard and understand the parks have done a good job about being responsible stewards of those opportunities. The description of how it is handled at the to Agenda Items that we just approved seem incredibly reasonable to me and safe practices and as long as we continue to do those sorts of things, this is the direction that she would recommend that we move towards.

Chairman Williams stated that just for a point of verification for those who may not have heard the initial discussion there are two (2) things that he would recommend we take a look at as well as on changing the policy so that we wouldn't necessarily have to have a list of properties in the future that we would have to go back and change. Instead of doing this, and having to come back periodically to revisit that list he said that one of the options could be that we could just change the policy so that the Special Use Committee would hear the request and based on the merits of the request and whether or not they can obtain the

insurance and the other requirements we can then evaluate whether or not this specific park that is desired could support the particular activity. If it cannot, then there are reasons why we can say that this particular application is denied as opposed to just having various locations as we are today, and quite frankly he has had people ask him why they can't go to Northwestway Park, it is just as big as Garfield Park and it is allowed at Garfield Park but it is not allowed at Northwestway Park. To the regular citizen it doesn't make a lot of sense to have that kind of distinction. There are similar characteristics. When this question was posed to him he appreciated their point and he would suggest that he bring it to the Parks Board to take a look at it. Again, he is not going to direct the Board on which way to go with this and Board member, Valentine has chosen to have us go in that direction of just looking at the merits of the event. For the rest of the Board members, how do you feel about this?

Mr. Bowling stated that he feels pretty much the same way. He has often been a little arbitrary that we have this random list of parks that have been approved to host these events. He feels that if most parks can meet the requirements and host these events safely it shouldn't make a difference.

Dr. Greenwood stated that she also believes that for safety purposes we must make sure that someone is monitoring what is going on. She likes the idea that we have special events and we have special people monitoring as long as it is monitored and it is safe for our children then she can agree.

Mr. Wynns stated that his only comment is that he would hate to see that the alcohol use be spread across the system and he knows that this would happen. If someone wants to hold an alcohol event at Brookside Park, and you look at the crime area there, how do you begin to evaluate them? Like, Northwestway is eligible for alcohol use and the reason why it is eligible is because you have a golf course there that is eligible for alcohol. All these parks and special facilities are eligible for alcohol use like Garfield Park's conservatory, Macalister Center and he just has a feeling that the alcohol thing will drift down into the neighborhood parks and this is his concern, neighborhood parks, where there is not adequate parking and there are other issues at the neighborhood parks and he thinks that this is one of the decisions that went into the list being created and certain parks selected. Making sure you have the parking, making sure you have access, and a lot of pieces were put into selecting those parks, and the parks need to be large enough to where you can put it in Broad Ripple and in the back and not up front. His fear is that if someone comes and asks to have alcohol at Riverside Park, what to say. Someone says they want to have alcohol at Holliday Park next to the playground. What do you say?

Mr. Bowling replied, "You say, what is the event and can you make sure that you do it responsibly." Mr. Wynns added that you don't want them drinking around kids. Mr. Bowling replied that we just approved a couple of events that will have the alcohol around kids. Mr. Wynns then replied that they will be in specific areas and isolated away from kids. Mr. Bowling said why can't the policy state that the requirements still need to be made as to location of the serving of the alcohol. Mr. Wynns stated that some of these facilities are not large enough to do that. Mr. Bowling replied that Riverside is, and Brookside is. Mr. Wynns stated that you can't eliminate the closeness of the area at Brookside, you have the swimming pool there, you have the playground. Mr. Wynns stated that he just hates to see it spread throughout the park system.

Chairman Williams stated that he appreciates Mr. Wynns concern and that is the same thing that he had issues with as well and after he thought about it, he reflected that how do we control for those things currently. We have a Special Use Committee where people have to go through a process to determine where security will be, this is where the distribution of alcohol will be located. We are not going to give up our right to evaluate that. We are not doing that. We are saying that instead of going through this process of having certain parks on a list, then eventually we will have to revisit that list because we do have some larger parks and he was not made aware these parks as you would say are eligible for alcohol when there is nothing that he has seen in our current policy that says that they are eligible. He has seen the list the Board has approved prior to his arrival which states that these parks ... can have alcohol use and if you are not this list ... you can't. So, when he looks at the Northwestway Park and see that it is not on the list, then, quite frankly, he did question this and questioned the validity of that park not being on the list.

Mr. Wynns stated that maybe the system has changed but the list was created in the past so that events to be serving alcohol at a park on that list would not have to bring it before the Board for approval and the Special Use Committee would have authority to approve those events without also going before the Parks Board and all other exceptions would then have to go before the Parks Board. In the past, all events requesting the use of alcohol didn't come before the Board for approval as well. It was just the exceptions or the ones that didn't meet the requirements at the Special Use Committee meetings.

Chairman Williams stated that Mr. Wynns just clarified to him that using it in this fashion the policy would kind of clarify by that point because quite frankly he was not made aware of that and again looking at what the policies are currently in place, to him it made him feel that there was this hard and fast line for which parks would be allowed to serve alcohol.

Mr. Bowling stated to Mr. Wynns that Mr. Wynns explanation seems that every park could if they were on the list and the Special Use Committee approved it then the Board doesn't even need to be asked.

Mr. Wynns added that only those special requests came before the Board that didn't meet the requirements, such as serving daqueries in Broad Ripple Park at one event.

Chairman Williams stated that what he thinks he will do for the next Board meeting he will have staff prepare a request that the Board could vote on and it seems like to him that we all are in general in some kind of consensus to opening it up to having the proper channel go through the Special Use Committee to look at the request and then make a determination at that point as to whether or not, and he will also have staff put together some criteria by which to deny requests. If it is going to be served too close to a playground then we will try to put together some standards as it relates to that for the Board to consider so that we can come back and vote on that would make sense, because, quite frankly some of these locations to him there was no rhyme or reason as to why some are allowed and others were not. At the end of the day, as he said before, he is considerate of making sure that we are responsible of the consumption of alcohol and that thing but sporting events happen all the time where there is alcohol served and kids are attending them as well. As adults we have to be responsible for ourselves and how we conduct ourselves. As Indy Parks as it relates to our

responsibility we will make sure that consumption is not going to happen with minors based on our rules. We will make sure that the distribution area is segregated from where minors will be and minors will not be allowed into the distribution and consumption areas either and we will police that to the best of our ability to make sure that the kids or the minors are not going to be accessible to consumption of the alcohol itself. So, we will do that. We will do our due diligence to make sure those things happen.

Mr. Bowling stated that he has one last thing to add and that is that it will be really hard for him to stomach if one of those criterias is based on zip code, location, demographics.

Chairman Williams stated that quite frankly, that is one of the things that did come up. The question arose as to why a larger park couldn't have authority, yet you allow another park over here to have authority and our characteristics are very similar. We have things in place that would control some of the issues that we have. We have law enforcement available when people get out of sorts with too much consumption. At the end of the day, we have consumption of alcohol on our property all the time and it is not 100% preventable. He wishes we could, but we can't. With our policy we have the opportunity of controlling as much as we can when alcohol consumption takes place and give the law enforcement a little bit of teeth to kind of have these activities and events going on and excise that could show up at any time and also show a little more teeth to enforcing these rules and if we don't we would be left to kind of arbitrariness (sp) enforce them and this is just unfortunate but that is just the way it is.

Next month he will have a staff member prepared for the Board to vote on and however it comes out will be the way it stands. He appreciates the Board's indulgence on this issue because he knows that it is sensitive.

Chairman Williams stated that we have a few presentations yet to be heard today. Elaine will tell us a little bit about what is happening at Garfield Park. Chairman asked staff to come forward to the microphones.

Presentations

- Garfield Park Staff Update – Lesley Meier and Kim Campbell

Elaine introduced herself to the Board stating that she would like to kick off a 1st of a series of presentations to let the Board know what we are doing in our parks. We have so many amazing things going on at Indy Parks and we want to keep the Board updated and we want to keep our viewing audience updated on all the fantastic programs that we have. We have an educated and dedicated and professional Indy Parks staff that is doing amazing things for our community and neighborhoods every single day and she feels like we need to tell our story more often and we appreciate you listening and your advocacy and with that she will have the microphone over to our Park Managers at Garfield Park. Kim Campbell, Manager of the Burrello Center, Leslie Meier, Manager of the Arts Center and in the audience is also Fritz Nerding who is the manager of the Conservatory and Sunken Gardens.

Ms. Campbell stated that they would just like to tell the Board about some of the unique amenities at Garfield Park, they have the family center, aquatic center, MacAllister

Amphetheatre, the Arts Center as well as the Conservatory and Sunken Gardens. It is a lovey property and great things going on in all three buildings. The family center and aquatic center is her home. They are excited right now that they are anticipating for the full day camp and they have been working closely with the Indianapolis Parks Foundation and secured grant funding from the Lilly Foundation and they will have a full seven week day camp program this summer at Garfield Park that they are getting ready for that as well as swimming lessons. They have junior lifeguarding programs, swim teams at the aquatic center and then they have sports leagues as well going on at the family center. The junior basketball program which is a program that was started by the previous park manager, Linda Burrello who recently retired after 50 years of employment which is still one of the strongest programs at Garfield Park. This last winter there were 200 youths between the ages of 3 and 14 registered in that program. They are getting ready for the Spring season of basketball and they have about 92 registered participants at this time of the ages of 6 –14. They are also bringing a youth triathlon to Garfield Park this summer and working with the group called Kids Tri For Kids to bring a bike, swim and run event to Garfield Park and they are excited about that and the event itself will take place on July 26th and it will be tied into a family day to highlight all of the great things taking place at Garfield Park and trying to get families to participate in the programs at the Arts Center, Arts For All. There will be a movie in the park that evening, Noodles & Company or Chick Filet is going to provide meals for the participants, so just helping to bring families out together to the park and spend a day at Garfield Park with the race and the movie. Today ground was broken for their outdoor basketball court refurbishing with the partnership with the Indianapolis Parks Foundation, IPL, the Indiana Pacers and the Indiana Fever so our outdoor basketball court will have a complete make-over and they are really excited about that. It really needs it. The Fever were actually out at the park last week for a service project. The weather with the rain kind of kept them from putting on our service projects but they did put on two (2) really nice fitness clinics for our youth as well as their Be Inspired Program, so all of the players and the coaches were interacting with the kids and really enjoyed it.

Leslie said she would segway over to talk about the Arts Center for a little bit. The Garfield Park Arts Center is a unique venue among all of Indy Parks venues. They are solely dedicated to the arts. They host exhibitions, classes, summer camps, vintage movie nights, festivals, free events for the community. Particular she wants to speak to you today about the Arts Summer Camps. They do four (4) weeks of camp and this is the third year that these camps have been held. They offer Project ART, which is a general arts camp for ages 6 to 12 and Project ACT, which is a theatre arts camp, which is her area of expertise for ages 8 to 13. They also offer a teens and tweens camp which is not on this list but it is geared to 10 to 15 year old, and then we have Paint-a-Palooza, which is the one that we are kind of known for, that has quickly built a reputation and is the last week of camp and they have no more than 20 kids in that program and they always have four (4) councillors on site and it is all about paint all the time. What you see on the overhead screen is Paint Twister, which they did last year and they do not have a traditional Twister board, it is all paint and the little girl in the lower corner shows her right after the gigantic paint water balloon fight. This camp fills up first every year and has a waiting list and they have been asked to do two (2) weeks but she doesn't know if they could handle 2 weeks. It is intensely messy and they have so much fun. They paint with spaghetti, they paint with bubbles, they paint with milk and they are going to make a temper this year and those camps are a blast. While they only do 4 weeks, they will be supporting Kim in her camps and helping her with some additional arts

programs and of course the day camps that are run out of the Family Center will be coming over to the Arts Center to see their Summer Exhibitions which is on the next slide.

She is very excited about their Summer Exhibitions. Last July she was able to hire a new part-time staff person and she solely focused on their gallery and enhancing what they do there. The first exhibition that they have in June is the Hoosier Women in Art show and this is a jurored show so all the women who participated and had their work looked at and then they selected the pieces that they wanted to have the exhibition and that opens the first Saturday in June. Their exhibitions always open on the first Saturday of the month. They have pushed a little bit more for daytime openings because they are a park and they are obviously more busy during the day and their evening events when it comes to art exhibition openings are pretty moderate in their success and since their focus is mainly on kids and families and those are our peak times they try to do special events from 2 to 4 or 5 to 7 when the park is still really busy. This July they are actually working in partnership with the Museum of Bad Art in Boston and bringing their exhibition in and the wonderful thing about this exhibition is that it is not really about bad art, it is about sincere art, it is about access to art and paintings that you may see, maybe someone has put it in the trash or maybe someone sold it to a thrift store but you still kind of love it, so that is what inspired this museum and we are paying to bring one of their exhibitions here and they are going to also have a community exhibition and then the banner exhibition will be part of their Arts For All Program and nobody can so no to us when they ask them to make art in conjunction with this exhibit and this is a really great thing. They have a lot of people that come in and they say oh, it is for the kids, oh, I am not an artist, they can't say no to her this month. So July they are really excited about that. In August they will have their science fiction event which is an exhibition that they do every year as a little homage to Jen Con happening in August and it is a really fun and accessible exhibit for summer time when they are busy. She did mention that they also have Arts for All programs which is a free program for all ages. In 2013 they served over 700 people and they have served over 300 people so far in 2014. This is pretty extraordinary because they are only open for 4 hours on Saturday. It is not something that she is able to staff and fund all hours of the week or all hours that they are open so she has this one opportunity for free art makings on Saturdays for 4 hours and on a raining day maybe she only has 12 to 15 but as soon as it is nice you are looking at 40 to 70 people coming through that room during a 4 hour period participating in a project and then being educated about their exhibition. For a lot of people it is their first opportunity to interact with a formal gallery setting and they try to set it up so that it is really accessible that way and they also get an introduction to the arts and of course they also tell them about their classes and summer camps and other programs that they have.

Ms. Campbell stated that they also have programs at the Garfield Park Conservatory and Fritz Nerding, who is sitting in the audience has an amazing staff of naturalists who work along with him providing programs for youth, field trips, home school group activities, summer camps and she will be working with them this summer with her summer camp and they will spend time at the conservatory teaching the kids some environmental education as well. Over 1900 youth attended environmental education programs this past year. They have their First Friday Theme Nights going on right now the first Friday of every month and they started in May through August and September. Each month they will be highlighting a different decade. Trivia, music, games, even some costumes and snacks of that certain decade and it is really interesting to see. The fountains are in full bloom and are fully

functional now and are really nice to see from 6 to 9 in the evenings on the First Friday of every month and to see the fountains at their best as the sun begins to set and the lights come on. The Sunken Gardens are open until 10:00 p.m. during the summer for visitors to enjoy. If you haven't had the opportunity to come out, she would encourage you to come out one evening after the sun sets and enjoy the fountains. The LED lights are very nice to see after dark.

Over 15,000 flowers will be planted in the surrounding beds at the gardens over the next few weeks. Just a few weeks ago they had an event called Keep What You Pull and this is something they like to do to recycle the flowers as they get ready to change them over. The community has an opportunity to come out with their tools and pull the tulips and there is a line along the gate because people want to get their hands on those gorgeous flowers and this gives Fritz and his team to put new flowers in without wasting all the flowers that they are pulling out.

Leslie stated that she would speak briefly about the MacAllister Amphetheatre series for the summer. As you know, they do host summer concerts in the park and on Thursday beginning June 12 through August 21st at 7:00 p.m. they will host a series of Pop concerts and the final 2 concerts will take place in the Sunken Gardens and that will be lovely and assist in getting the Garfield Shakespear Company ready to do their performance of Camelot which will be offered free to the public this summer. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra three times this summer which is on your list of concerts within your packets. And of course she already spoke to you about the Signature Series Concerts and both of those \$5.00 tickets and last but not least, is their Summer Movies on the Lawn which are taking place the last Saturday of each month, May, June, July and August and are free to the public and take place on the back lawn of the Garfield Park Arts Center and it will be open while these take place and they will not be doing beer sales at these particular events this summer. Guests are welcome to bring pic-nics games. They come and they start hanging out as early as 6:30 and the movies start around dusk. They did do a survey monkey on their Facebook page and they got people to list their favorite movies and they could vote for the movies that they wanted and then we made choices on those votes. Those go from 100 to 500 people coming out for the movies.

Chairman Williams thanked the staff at Garfield Park for their presentation and that he looks forward to next month's park presentation and he is sure that Garfield's presentation is a hard act to follow.

- Grassy Creek Park/Indy Eleven (FUTSOL) – Andre Denman

Chairman Williams stated that now we have the Pennsy Trail presentation update and asked if Andre was going to give this update.

Andre stated that he would be doing the Grassy Creek Park update first and greeted the Board and introduced himself to the viewing audience stating that they have some representatives here from the Indy Eleven. You might recognize this name which is our newest profession soccer team. Mr. Peter Wilt greeted the Board, stating that he was the President and General Manager of Indy Eleven and their Vice President of Marketing and Operations is also in the audience.

Andre stated that the reason they are before the Board today is that Indy Eleven has an initiative to place eleven (11) new FUTSOL courts around the City and the first one they would like to install would go out at Grassy Creek Regional Park. If you are familiar with Grassy Creek Regional Park, the land that you know as 30th and German Church Park has unused tennis courts on the site. Because of the investment by the Parks Foundation and Lilly Endowment and United Water they have put in two (2) new basketball courts, a new comfort station, they have expanded the playground and actually they have their recreational trail grant where there will be new walking trails connecting the southern end of the park to the northern end which is going on presently and the basketball courts get a lot of love because we are in Indiana and our public like to play basketball. The Indy Eleven went out and looked at a couple of sites and they really loved this site and want to make this site the first FUTSOL court. Now, he knows the next question, "What is FUTSOL?" Andre passed the microphone to Mr. Wilt who explained that FUTSOL is the international small sided version of soccer that is played in urban areas often times where grass fields are not plentiful or where large numbers of participants are not available to play 11 vs. 11 so tennis court size is actually the perfect size for a FUTSOL court 5 v 5. The improvements needed to convert tennis courts into FUTSOL courts are relatively low. It is a matter of resurfacing, restriping and adding goals. They think that this site will be a good one for usage and it is important not only that they build them and make them available, but that they actually get used. As Andre mentioned the existing grass fields next to this site and their use on a regular basis gives them hope that the FUTSOL courts here will be utilized as well. These will be the initial ones and he believes that they may be able to get two (2) on this particular site because of there being the two tennis courts. In rapid recession they would like to raise money privately to have an additional nine more courts to get to eleven within twelve months.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any questions from the Board. Ms. Valentine asked what the material of the surface is. Mr. Wilt answered it is asphalt. Ms. Valentine stated it seems harsh playing soccer on that type of surface. They will be resurfaced of course.

Mr. Wynns asked if they have looked at the cost of the type of surface that the play indoor soccer on versus resurfacing the tennis courts? Mr. Wilt answered that it is about triple the cost. Dr. Greenwood asked what about the safety for the children. Mr. Wilt responded that it is a playground and it is a sport where they will wear shin guards and high socks and shoes and it is a sport that it is played around the world on these surfaces, much like tennis is played on pavement and sometimes you go down and it being small-sided it teaches passing and movement, soccer is like basketball, not a contact sport and in most courts there is contact and obviously it is played on pavement as well.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Chairman Williams stated that he would like to say thank you for wanting to partner with Indy Parks. And as he stated there would be "private" donations and is obviously something that Indy Parks can benefit from and in growing the sport of FUTSOL as well as giving kids an alternate time of sports activity in the parks is very important to us and we appreciate being approached with this type of partnership. Mr. Wilt thanked the Chairman and stated that it is really important to them to grow the sport throughout the area and in urban areas especially.

Indy Eleven has taken a great step forward by giving kids options for play in Indy Parks so thank you again we appreciate the partnership.

Andre stated that they have an aggressive schedule to try to get it put in before the World Cup and once it gets put in maybe we will have a game between the Parks Board and the Indianapolis Parks Foundation.

Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Wilt and Andre again.

- Pennsy Trail Land Acquisition Update – Andre Denman

Andre stated that he has a handout. Andre also stated that he wanted to ask Leslie Meier a question about bad art. Is Leslie still in the audience? Andre asked if there would be a black velvet painting of Elvis. Ms. Meier replied that he would have every possibility of seeing a velvet painting of Elvis and if he has one in his collection they would like him to share it. Andre asked about a big wooden spoon and fork? Ms. Meier stated that they do have a painting of Marilyn Monroe though.

Just to give the Board a quick update about the Pennsy Trail, there have been a lot of things going on. They are still in the property acquisition phase and of course you know that they have about 2 miles of trail between Shortridge and Arlington Avenue that is currently in and the reason that is in is because of a grant from former governor Mitch Daniels and because Uncle Paul Smith, our Real Estate Manager for the City of Indianapolis, was able to find the land for \$400.00 and so that all worked out in our favor. Phase II which you have before you in this hand-out show that they have acquired all the property from Arlington going west to Ritter Avenue and from Ritter Avenue the rest of the trail will be in the Right of Way going up to Ellenberger Park and from there it will connect into, you will have a choice if you are a biker to either get on the Pleasant Run Trail or you could also use the bike lanes but that is Phase II which will be bid this Fall. The Irvington community and the east side are very excited about that going on. He knows that property acquisition and this project was going on long before he came to the Parks Department back in 2005 so we are just happy that this is going forward. They are still continuing to purchase property going east towards Cumberland with the Cumberland's Phase of the trail is actually in and it goes past and outside of the county so he believes that this is about a mile or two of trail that is out that way. Our Corporate Counsel stated that German Church all the way out to 600 (about a 2 mile stretch) within the county and then Greenfield has about 5 or 6 miles completed that eventually will hook up. Andre kiddingly stated "but that is not us", so, once we get the rest of the property acquired going east, which we do have dollars through DPW and Rebuild Indy these will be phases III and IV. He wanted to let the Board and the viewers know that they are aggressively moving on with this development. There are other greenways projects going on around Eagle Creek and he has a meeting for that next week but he definitely wanted to update the Board on the Pennsy because Doug and he are going to go out and race on that trail on bikes. Andre stated that he did actually run the trail a few days ago and there is a big difference with running on a treadmill as opposed to running on pavement. These are his two updates and he wanted to thank everyone. Chairman Williams asked if the Board have any questions on the Pennsy. There were none.

Chairman Williams stated that our next Board meeting is scheduled for June 19th and as he said earlier he wants to look at getting the Board out to some of our facilities to see what they have been voting on and so the community can see as a viewer the facilities and upgrades made at those locations. We will see about getting the location of our June Parks Board to another off-site location as soon as possible but if not we will meet here again in Room 260 of the City-County Building.

Adjournment

A motion was duly made by Director Williams for adjournment, seconded by by Ms. Valentine and unanimously passed to adjourn.

The next Board of Parks and Recreation meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2014 at 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Thatcher Park located at 4649 W. Vermont Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Louvenia Holstein, Board Secretary

John W. Williams, Chairman
Board of Parks and Recreation

Date